

Docket No: AF01120**Serial No. 10/023,548****Response to Election of Species Requirement**

In the Office Action dated July 09, 2002, the claims were subjected to an election of species requirement, between the species of Group I, claims 1, 5-13 and 17, drawn to a process for fabricating an ONO structure of a semiconductor device; Group II, claims 2, 3 and 14-16, drawn to a process for fabricating an ONO structure of a two-bit EEPROM; and Group III, claims 2, 4, and 18-21, drawn to a process for fabricating an ONO structure of a floating gate flash device. Claim 22 should be included in Group III.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 5-13 and 17) for initial examination on the merits. Claim 1 is generic.

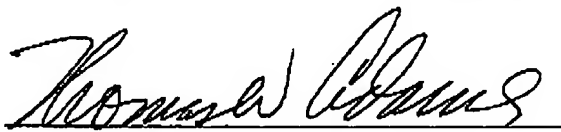
Claim 22

The Examiner is requested to note that this application contains a total of 22 claims. The Office Action makes reference only to claims 1-21. Claim 22 appears alone on page 21 of the specification as filed. In case claim 22 is missing from the Examiner's file, the Examiner is requested to immediately contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

If the Examiner considers that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

It is believed no fee is required for this filing. However, if a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0988, Order No. AF01120.

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